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AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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ACTION STR

PASS TREASURY FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MACDONALD

S/S-O NOTIFY HEFFERAN (395-3150)

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: US-EC BILATERALS ON SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAIL AND STANDARDS
AND US-CANADIAN BILATERAL ON STANDARDS

1. EC (ABBOTT) ADVISED US FEB 10 THAT DATES PREFERRED BY EC FOR US-EC BILATERAL ON SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAIL ARE MARCH REPEAT MARCH 23 AND 24 OR MARCH 24 AND 25 IN WASHINGTON. WE ASKED ABBOTT TO RECONFIRM THIS PROPOSAL WITH GALLAGHER IN VIEW REFTEL A REPORT THAT GALLAGHER HAD PROPOSED FEBURARY 24 OR 25. ABBOTT HAS RECONFIRMED AND SAYS MEYNELL MUST HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD GALLAGHER'S EARLIER INSTRUCTIONS SINCE GALLAGHER WILL BE IN NEW YORK FOR LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE MARCH 15-22, NOT FEBURARY. ABBOTT SAYS EC TEAM WILL CONSIST OF GALLAGHER, MEYNELL AND LUYTEN.

2. CONCERNING US-EC BILATERAL ON STANDARDS (WHICH EC PREFERS BE HELD IN BRUSSELS), GALLAGHER WILL HEAD EC SIDE AND, ASSUMING US ACCEPTS PROPOSED DATES FOR WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS
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ON SUBSIDIES/CVD PARA 1 ABOVE, HE IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT

PROPOSED DATE OF MARCH 26 AND PROPOSES INSTEAD A DAY DURING WEEK STARTING MARCH 29.

3. AMBASSADOR GREY (CANADA) HAS STRONGLY PRESSED AMBASSADOR WALKER TO AGREE TO US-CANADIAN BILATERAL ON STANDARDS IN GENEVA PRIOR TO US-EC BILATERAL ON THIS SUBJECT. HE HAS PROMISED GOC WOULD SEND EXPERT FROM OTTAWA TO PARTICIPATE WITH CANADIAN MTN DEL. AMBASSADOR WALKER AGREED TO URGE THAT KELLY ARRANGE HIS SCHEDULE TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED.

A) CAN WE CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF US-EC BILATERAL IN WASHINGTON ON SUBSIDIES/CVD MARCH 23 AND 24 OR 24 AND 25? DOES US SIDE HAVE PREFERENCE AS BETWEEN THESE DATES?

B) CAN KELLY ACCEPT US-EC BILATERAL ON STANDARDS DURING WEEK BEGINNING MARCH 29? WE SUGGEST OPTING FOR MARCH 30 OR 31 TO FACILITATE BILATERAL WITH CANADA IN GENEVA. SINCE GUNDELACH NOT LEADING EC SIDE WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE GENEVA LOCUS FOR THESE TALKS.

C) CAN KELLY ACCEPT BILATERAL WITH CANADA IN GENEVA ON STANDARDS ONE DAY OR TWO BEFORE MEETING WITH EC, WHICH WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND? WALKER

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